<u>In the Claims</u>

1. (Previously Presented) In a method that includes encoding one or more content objects with a steganographic digital watermark, the encoding including embedding a collection of features that can be used to facilitate computation of geometrical distortion of the object after encoding, the geometric distortion including rotation, an improvement including step for making the collection of features resistant to attack.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step includes adding said collection of features in some of said objects, and subtracting said collection of features from other of said objects.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step includes embedding said collection of features at a first scale in a first object, and embedding said collection of features at a second, different scale in a second object.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step includes embedding said collection of features at a first orientation in a first object, and embedding said collection of features at a second, different orientation in a second object.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said step includes obscuring said collection of features by designing same to become apparent only in an alternate domain.

6. (Previously Presented) In a method that includes decoding a steganographic digital watermark from an encoded object, the encoding including a template signal that aids in determining corruption of the object, the corruption including rotation, an improvement comprising step for detecting the template signal without log-polar remapping.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) An object produced by the process of claim 1.

9. (Canceled)